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Application of: PETIARD et al.

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For: METHOD OF DETERMINING THE
GENETIC MATERIAL OF COCOA IN
FERMENTED OR ROASTED BEANS AND
CHOCOLATE

Attorney Docket No.: 88265-4022

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and comments into the file of the above-identified application prior to the examination thereof.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, please replace the title with the following title:

**--METHOD OF DETERMINING THE GENETIC MATERIAL OF COCOA IN
FERMENTED OR ROASTED BEANS AND CHOCOLATE--**

Please insert after the title on page 1 the following:

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a continuation of the U.S. National Stage designation of International application PCT/EP99/08268 filed October 29, 1999, the content of which is expressly incorporated herein by reference thereto.--

FIELD OF THE INVENTION--

Please insert on page 1 after the first paragraph the following heading:

--BACKGROUND ART--